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# PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2023

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

**Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)** **Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min**

Name: _____ (  )

Class : Primary 6 / ___ _____

Date : 21 August 2023

English Teacher: _____

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Write your index number in the boxes on the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 and 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. "She's seen the suspicious-looking man before, _____ ?" the police officer asked.

(1) isn't she
(2) hasn't she
(3) wasn't she
(4) hadn't she

(2)

2. Mr Ahmad has asked my brother and _____ to help him water the plants as he will not be at home the next few days.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

3. She mistook the man sitting next to her _____ her husband.

(1) as
(2) for
(3) with
(4) over

4. Woo Young used to have the habit of helping his mother _____ the floor every weekend.

(1) swept
(2) sweep
(3) sweeps
(4) sweeping

5. Joshua arrived late for the concert and so _____ Soo Bin.

(1) did
(2) had
(3) was
(4) does



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6. Try as she _____, she could not find a solution to the problem.

(1) could
(2) ought
(3) might
(4) should

7. Devi's train of thoughts _____ interrupted when she heard a woman scream.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

8. "No one should leave the meeting room _____ the talk ends," the professor warned.

(1) yet
(2) until
(3) despite
(4) because

9. By the time the police arrived, the burglars _____ from the crime scene.

(1) had fled
(2) have fled
(3) will have fled
(4) had been fleeing

10. Throughout her life, she has been devoted to _____ the poor.

(1) help
(2) helping
(3) be helping
(4) having helped



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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. She is not one to _____ just because everyone has bought the latest mobile phone.

(1) break a leg
(2) rock the boat
(3) bite the bullet
(4) jump on the bandwagon

12. Seeing the iconic dragon playground in Toa Payoh filled her with _____ as she recalled many happy moments playing there as a child.

(1) hysteria
(2) nostalgia
(3) confusion
(4) satisfaction

13. The police could not _____ the location of the crime scene as the victim had lost her memory.

(1) detect
(2) decipher
(3) determine
(4) distinguish

14. Our forefathers _____ life-changing adventures when they left their distant homelands for Singapore.

(1) entered into
(2) embarked on
(3) emerged from
(4) experimented with

15. Much to the patient's relief, the doctor managed to _____ his pain.

(1) lighten
(2) vanish
(3) deduct =
(4) alleviate



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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Recognised as the country's national hospital, the Singapore General Hospital (SGH) was <u>established</u> **(16)** in 1821. Today, what remains of its first premises is its <u>distinctive</u> **(17)** clock tower, which is now where the SGH Museum stands. In the late 1980s, the hospital was restructured to meet the demands of the <u>rapidly</u> **(18)** advancing changes in healthcare services and patient expectations. Currently located in Outram, it houses four specialty centres, with a fifth one <u>scheduled</u> **(19)** to be completed in 2025. SGH is considered one of the best hospitals globally, <u>drawing</u> **(20)** many patients from around the region.

Adapted from *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_General_Hospital*

16. (1) founded
    (2) invented
    (3) delivered
    (4) appointed

17. (1) majestic
    (2) significant
    (3) picturesque
    (4) characteristic

18. (1) fast
    (2) high
    (3) clear
    (4) huge

19. (1) known
    (2) targetted
    (3) perceived
    (4) considered

20. (1) treating
    (2) creating
    (3) attracting
    (4) admitting



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Study this article from a magazine and then answer questions 21 to 28.

## Why is Science Important?

by Max Kang

Science encourages us to become curious and discover more about our world. Scientists have made use of that knowledge to improve our quality of life. The amazing thing is that there is still so much more to learn and scientists are still coming up with all sorts of inventions! Get started on your learning journey and you might just become one of the greatest scientists of our time!




### Exciting Science

An excellent book that allows children to have fun and learn about Science at the same time through hands-on experiences and careful observations!

**Choose Exciting Science!**

- ✓ Thirty interesting Science experiments to do at home!
- ✓ Clear instructions and detailed diagrams make it easy to set up the experiments!
- ✓ Simple explanations for key concepts demonstrated by the experiments!
- ✓ Only objects found in most households are used, so no further purchases of tools and materials are required!







*Check out an extract from Exciting Science on the next page!*



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# Tornado in a Bottle

What are tornadoes?

Also known as twisters, tornadoes are violently spinning, funnel-shaped columns of air that sometimes form during thunderstorms. The wind from a tornado can top 400 kilometres per hour - faster than a race car - and cause a lot of damage. Tornadoes are capable of ripping apart buildings and bridges and sending trains and cars flying!

**What causes tornadoes?**

Create your own tornado with just two clear plastic bottles, water, food colouring and strong adhesive tape! Do this experiment and watch closely to see what happens!

**Step 1**

Clean the bottles and remove any labels so that you can see through the plastic clearly. Pour water into one of the bottles until it is about three-quarters full, then add a few drops of food colouring.



**Step 2**

Screw the cap back on the bottle tightly. Mix the liquids together thoroughly by giving the bottle a good shake.



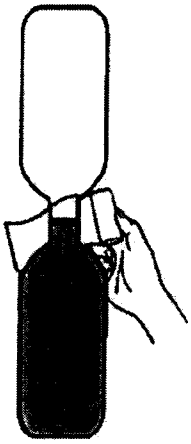
**Step 3**

Fill the bottle to the brim with water and dry the rim with a piece of cloth.



**Step 4**

Place the empty bottle upside down on top of the full bottle and tape them firmly together, making sure the joint is carefully sealed so that no water can leak out.



***Eager to know the other steps needed to create a tornado with the above set-up? Want to learn about what causes tornadoes?***

*Get a copy of Exciting Science today!*



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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. In the section "Why Is Science Important?", "that knowledge" refers to _____.

(1) why Science is important to us
(2) what we discovered about our world
(3) what encouraged us to become curious
(4) why we should improve our quality of life

22. Which of the following words is used to describe the ideas behind the experiments featured in Exciting Science?

(1) key
(2) clear
(3) simple
(4) detailed

23. The purpose of the exclamation marks in the section "Choose Exciting Science!" is to _____.

(1) give children a surprise
(2) spark interest in the book
(3) get children excited about Science
(4) emphasise how easy the experiments are to follow

24. To get the book at the lowest price, Mr Tan should buy it _____.

(1) at Book Fair 2023 on 20 October 2023
(2) at Book Fair 2023 by 31 October 2023
(3) online at www.books.sg by 31 October 2023
(4) online at www.books.sg on 1 November 2023

25. An extract from the book is included in the article for the following possible reasons **except** to _____.

(1) teach readers how to create their own tornadoes
(2) let readers have a brief look at the book's contents
(3) assure readers that materials required are easily available
(4) show readers that there are clear instructions and detailed diagrams



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26. According to the extract, which statement is **not** true about tornadoes?

(1) They are also called twisters.
(2) Their violent spinning causes thunderstorms to form.
(3) The wind from some tornadoes travels faster than race cars.
(4) Some buildings, bridges, trains and cars have been damaged by them.

27. Tommy followed the instructions on how to set up the experiment. To prevent water from leaking out while he mixed two liquids together, he _____

(1) shook the bottle gently
(2) put tape around the bottles
(3) screwed the cap on the bottle
(4) left the bottle three-quarters full

28. Which of the following is **not** found in the extract?

(1) some steps in an experiment
(2) a short description of tornadoes
(3) the materials required for an experiment
(4) an explanation of what causes tornadoes

Please note that the passage for comprehension questions 71 to 80 is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Incessant banter chorused through the air as Joe finished work on his farm, along with his two sons, Gordon, seven, and Troy, four. They never passed up a chance to shadow their father whenever he went about his chores on the farm.

The boys darted at full throttle towards the house, widening the distance between them and their father. Gordon, whose throat was parched, stopped at the water tap atop an old well. He was unaware of the danger that lurked below. As Gordon nonchalantly stepped onto the board that covered the well, his eyes widened when he heard a 'crack' beneath. The board was breaking. In a matter of seconds, Gordon disappeared.

Joe caught up a few minutes later. He stopped in his tracks and was initially bewildered when he saw that Troy's eyes were filled with alarm. Then, his gaze shifted to the open well and that was when he realised that **the unimaginable** had occurred. That was not all. Gordon could not swim. Joe peered over the edge of the well and he was strangely relieved when he could hear splashing.

"This is **the only way**," Joe muttered. Without hesitation, he jumped into the darkness although he knew it was impossible to climb back up.

The descent down the well felt like miles as his heart raced. It seemed to take forever before he finally reached Gordon. Panicking and flailing his arms, Gordon tried to keep afloat as his father held him. Since the water was too deep for him to stand upright, Joe could only tread in the water and hoist his son onto his chest as he wedged his legs and back against the narrow walls of the well for support. There was only one hope left.

He called out to Troy. "Troy! You need to be a big boy now and save us! Run to the side of the road and flag someone down for help. Tell them we have fallen into the well. But stay off the road!" He closed his eyes and prayed as the sound of Troy's footsteps became distant. Their lives were now in the hands of his younger son, who, now too, was in another kind of danger himself.

Just when Joe was about to give up came a beacon of hope. He heard familiar voices. Overwhelmed with relief, tears streamed down his face. **They** belonged to Mike and Steven, his neighbours who lived about ten minutes away. They had seen Troy by the side of the road and after learning what had occurred, carried him into their pickup and dialled for the rescue team while driving at breakneck speed to the well.

"Joe, hold on. We are sending a rope down to you," Mike hollered. "All right, I'll send Gordon up first," Joe called out. Mike was stunned. He had no idea. However, there was no time to mull over it so together with Steven, they hauled Gordon out of the water.

Already fatigued from rescuing Gordon, Mike and Steven now wondered how they had any energy left to pull Joe up. It was a good call to call for the rescue team, but who knew how long they would take to arrive? The brothers pushed on.

About an hour after he had jumped in to save his son, Joe emerged. He collapsed the moment his feet felt the ground. As he thanked the brothers profusely, he turned and smiled weakly at his true hero before blacking out.

*Adapted from https://www.rd.com/article/neighbors-rescue-man-son-from-well/*



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# PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2023

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

**Total Time For Booklets A & B : 1 h 50 min**

Name: _____ (  )

Class : Primary 6 / ___ _____

Date : 21 August 2023

English Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

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|---|---|
| **Paper 1** (SW & Composition) | 55 |
| **Paper 2** (Lang Use & Compre) | 95 |
| **Paper 3** (Listening Compre) | 20 |
| **Paper 4** (Oral) | 30 |
| **TOTAL** | 200 |

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5. Use a dark blue or black ball point pen to write your answers in the space provided for each question.
6. Do not use correction fluid or highlighters.

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) although | (D) but | (G) for | (K) or | (N) where |
| (B) are | (E) by | (H) if | (L) should | (P) which |
| (C) as | (F) can | (J) is | (M) when | (Q) while |

What are cavities? Cavities are damaged areas on the hard surfaces of your teeth _____ (29) eventually cause teeth decay. They look like tiny openings _____ (30) holes and are caused by a variety of factors like frequent snacking, not cleaning your teeth well or having bacteria in your mouth. There are three types of cavities. Smooth cavities occur on the smooth sides of your teeth, _____ (31) pit and fissure cavities develop on the chewing surface of your teeth. Root cavities, as the name suggests, occur at the roots of your teeth.

Cavities do not happen overnight _____ (32) occur over time. First, plaque builds up. Plaque is formed _____ (33) bacteria feed on leftover sugar and starch on your teeth. A quick way to check for plaque is _____ (34) running your tongue over your teeth. If they feel fuzzy or rough, there is plaque present. _____ (35) plaque be allowed to stay on your teeth _____ (36) a long time, the acids in it will break down your teeth's hard outer covering, known _____ (37) enamel. Tiny holes called cavities are then created. Cavities tend to happen in your back teeth where there _____ (38) a lot of grooves that can trap food particles. The grooves and position of the back teeth make them harder to clean compared to your easy-to-reach front teeth.

Adapted from *The Little Red Dot, 7 March 2023*

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

(39) [ ]

First, the lights came and then, the sky evolved. Human curiaucity changed

(40) [ ]

to fear and anxiety. One spaceship turned to thousands, which hovering above the

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

earth. For days, it did not move but just sat in the purple sky. The lightning send

(43) [ ]

shivers down Tom's spine as he hiding in the basement with his family. All of a

(44) [ ]

sudden, the doors opened. Aliens came out like solgers. One by one, they marched

(45) [ ]

forward. To his mother's horrified, Tom ran out towards the spaceships. He

(46) [ ]

manuvered through the shrubs and made his way into one of the ships. The sky

(47) [ ]

roared above as Tom sirraptitiously searched for the controls. Upon pressing a

(48) [ ]

button, the lights flickered on and off. Soon, Tom was sirounded by a dozen aliens.

(49) [ ]

He ran out of the nearest door and sprinted down the coridoor as fast as lightning.

(50) [ ]

It was the bad experience of his life. Tom should not have run out towards the

spaceships.

Adapted from 'The Takeover', author unknown

Score: [ ]



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Fill in each blank, numbered 51 to 65, with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Gratitude means being grateful. We should be aware of how much we have been given in life and we should count our _____ (51) too. This is because we often take things for _____ (52). Sometimes, it is important to slow down and reflect _____ (53) how fortunate we are.

Feeling grateful on a regular _____ (54) can have a huge effect on our lives. Surprising improvements can stem _____ (55) being grateful for what we have. Research has _____ (56) that people who are grateful are more _____ (57) to remain positive, even in the _____ (58) of negative feedback or unkindness. _____ (59), grateful people have more positive ways of coping with _____ (60) which they may experience in life. Gratitude has also been _____ (61) with better physical health. In one study, teens, who wrote weekly gratitude letters to others, displayed healthier eating _____ (62) over time.

It is impossible to practise gratitude _____ (63) humility. For example, proud people are too wrapped up in _____ (64). More often than not, they also think _____ (65) of others and are unwilling to express their gratitude because they feel they deserve everything they have. Therefore, humility and gratitude go hand in hand.

Adapted from *https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gratitude*

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, *rewrite* the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Peter ate the leftover food. He had a stomachache.

Having _____

_____

67. Mr Wong completed his project before the deadline. His students assisted him.

With the _____

_____

68. My teacher asked me, "Did you submit the consent form last Monday?"

My teacher asked me _____

_____

69. Huixin has not handed in her homework yet. Everyone has done so.

All but _____

_____

70. Vicky felt that it was unnecessary to buy the umbrella even though it was raining.

Vicky felt that there was _____

_____

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Do not write in this space

Answer in complete sentences.

71. How can we tell that Joe's sons enjoyed being on the farm with him? [1m]

_____

_____.

72. Choose words from **paragraphs 1 to 3** which have opposite meanings to the words below. [2m]

| | |
|---|---|
| (a) anxiously | |
| (b) calmness | |

73. Explain clearly what 'the danger that lurked below' (line 6) means. [2m]

_____

_____.

74. In line 14, why was Joe 'strangely relieved' when he heard splashing? [1m]

_____

_____.

75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

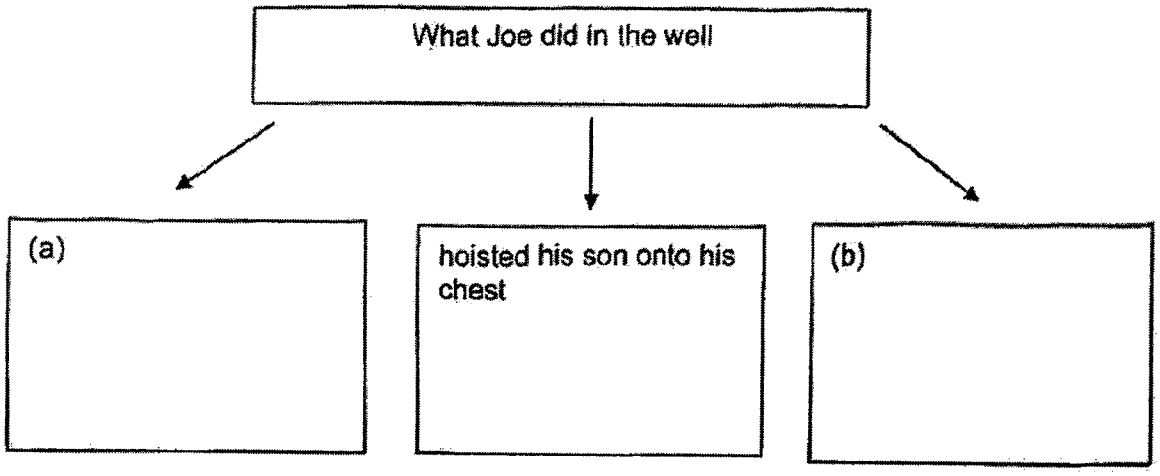
| Word(s) from the passage | What the word(s) refer(s) to |
|---|---|
| (a) the unimaginable (line 12) | |
| (b) the only way (line 15) | |
| (c) they (line 29) | |



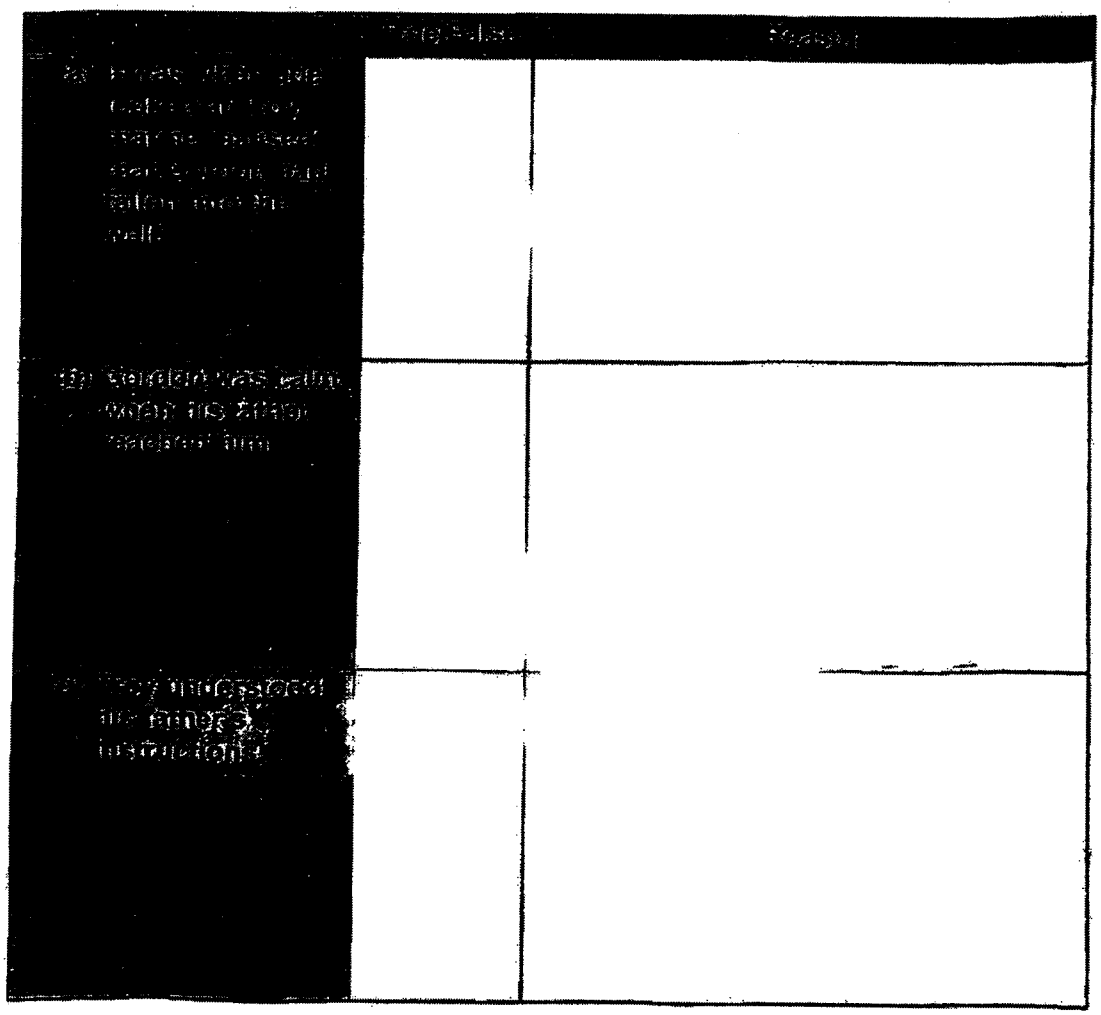
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76. Fill in the boxes to show what Joe did in the well to keep Gordon and himself afloat. [2m]

Do not write in this space.




77. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]





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78. In line 29, Joe was overwhelmed with relief. Give two reasons why Joe felt this way. [2m]

(a) _____.

(b) _____.

Do not write in this space.

79. (a) Which three-word phrase tells you that Mike and ~~Fraser~~ wasted no time in getting to the well? [1m]

(b) Why was Mike stunned (line 34)? [1m]

_____

_____.

80. Who was Joe's true hero? Why do you think so? [2m]

_____

_____.

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**LEVEL : PRIMARY 6**
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**
**TERM : 2023 PRELIM**

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## Booklet A

| Q 1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
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| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Q 11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Q 21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | | |
| 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | |

## Booklet B

| Q 29 | Q30 | Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P | K | Q | D | M | F | L | G | C | B |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q39) | curiosity | Q43) | hid | Q47) | surreptitiously |
| Q40) | hovered | Q44) | soldiers | Q48) | surrounded |
| Q41) | they | Q45) | horror | Q49) | corridor |
| Q42) | sent | Q46) | manoeuvred | Q50) | worst |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q51) | blessings | Q56) | found | Q61) | associated |
| Q52) | granted | Q57) | likely | Q62) | habits |
| Q53) | on | Q58) | face | Q63) | without |
| Q54) | basis | Q59) | Besides | Q64) | themselves |
| Q55) | from | Q60) | stress | Q65) | poorly |

| | |
|---|---|
| Q66) | Having eaten the leftover food, Peter had a stomachache. |
| Q67) | With the assistance of his students, Mr Wong completed his project before the deadline. |
| Q68) | My teacher asked me if had submitted the consent form the previous Monday. |



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|---|---|
| Q69) | **All but Huixin have handed in her homework.** |
| Q70) | **Vicky felt that there was no necessity to buy the umbrella even though if was raining.** |
| Q71) | **They never passed up a chance to shadow their father whenever he went about his chores on the farm.** |
| Q72) | **a) nonchalantly**<br>**b) alarm** |
| Q73) | **Gordon might fall into the well if the board broke** |
| Q74) | **In line 13, Joe know Gorden was still alive. Therefore he was strangely relieved.** |
| Q75) | **a) Joe's son falling into the well**<br>**b) Jumping into the well**<br>**c) The familiar voices that Joe beard** |
| Q76) | **a) Joe treaded in the water**<br>**b) Joe wedged his legs and back against the narrow walls.** |
| Q77) | **a) False / It was when Joe's gaze shifted to the open well**<br>**b) False / He was panicking and failing his arms, keeping afloat.**<br>**c) True / Troy managed to get help.** |
| Q78) | **a) Troy managed to get help.**<br>**b) Troy was all light/ fine/safe** |
| Q79) | **a) at break neck speed**<br>**b) Mike was stunned as he did not know expect that Gordon was also in the well.** |
| Q80) | **Joe's true hero was Troy. He was the one who managed to get help.** |



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